

HISTORY OF MT. PLEASANT, PENNSYLVANIA

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"The tract of land lying in the north part of Wayne County was bought of the aborigines, by Thomas and Richard Penn, heirs of William Penn, on November 5, 1768."(p9)

"Wayne County belonged to Northampton County in 1796."(p 19)

"The current of emigration, until about 1820 or 1825 was chiefly from New England. New England people have, from the first settlement exerted a preponderating influence in giving character to society.

"The attachments of this people to their Puritan ancestors may be seen from cherished relics brought from New England. Among these we notice a trammel, and a sea-chest, which were brought over in the 'Mayflower'"(p 40)

"The first road thru this township was intended to be a great highway for western migration. It was built by private enterprise, aided by state appropriation. The Act of Legislature for opening it was passed March 28, 1788. It was to be made sixty feet wide, beginning at Pocono Pt., a place near Stroudsburg and extend north to the state line. It was out thru in 1788-89, but never thoroly worked. In this town, it followed nearly the route of the present 'Belmont and Easton Turnpike', and was called the North and South Road."(p 50)

"Belmont and Easton road incorporated March 13, 1812."(p 53)

"At the time this place, Mt. Pleasant Township, was settled it was, together with this and the county of Pike, included in the undefined regions of the town of Upper Smithfield, in Northampton County.

"The five following townships were in the present territory of Wayne: Canaan, Palmyra, Buckingham, Damascus, Mt. Pleasant."(p 53)